White Paper on J & K situation

477. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREM-TI KENTA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue a White Paper on the situation in the trouble-torn border State of Jammu and Kashmir indicating the steps taken or proposed to be taken for settlement of Kashmiri migrants;

(b) it so. by when; and

(c) whether Government also propose to provide constitutional guarantee for protecting the lives and property of lakhs of Kashmiri migrants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB); (a) No Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Kashmiri migrants enjoy all the fundamental rights enunciated in the Constitution.

STD facilities in District Headquarters in Maharashtra

478. KUMARI CHANDRIKA PREM-JI KENIA: Will the Minister of COM-MUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of district headquarters in Maharashtra which have not been linked with STD facilities so far;

(b) by when these are likely to be linked;

(c) the names of Talukas/Cities in Maharashtra which are proposed to be linked with STD facility during the cur rent financial year; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to strengthen and improve the telecommunication facilities in Maha rashtra?

THE DEPUTY J8INISTBR IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIEjU,): (a) Only Buldana Sir.

(b) By March, 1992.

(c) During the current financial year the following District Headquarters/ Talukas/Cities in Maharashtra are proposed to be linked with STD facilities.

District-Headquarters—Buldana

Talukas:—Koporgaon, Paithan, Murtt-zapur, Chalisgaon, Umred, Katol, Kinwat, Bhor, Hingoli, Karjat, Chiplun, Pandharpur, Dahenu, Palghar, Murbad, Hinganghat.

Cities/Towns—Shirdi, Parli, Vaijnath, Savada Gokulshirgon, Chakur, No-gothane, Bhuinj, Vita, Kirloskarwadi

td) During the 8th Plan Period the following steps are being taken by Go-vernment to strengthen and improve the telecommunication facilities in Ma-harashtra:—

(i) The existing manual exchanges and MAX-II type exchanges are being replaced by electronic exchanges.

(ii) All the Penta Conta Trunk Auto exchange are being phased out by digital exchanges.

(iii) Overhead alignment of the long distance public telephones is being! replaced by Multi Access Radio Relay Systems

(iv) All the Panchyat Headquarters in Maharashtra are planned tfbe provided with the telephone facility.

Transit Visas for Indians

479. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian seeking Transit Visas for various countries are denied such Visas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALETRO): (a) There is no general restriction faced by Indians applying for such visas.

(b) Does not arise.